communications to the concerned establishment and trade unions asking them to trace and help the member/legal heir in getting their P.F. dues.

Raising the Expenditure Ceiling on Medical care of Workers Under ESI

3588. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have raised the expenditure ceiling on medical care of workers under the Employees State Insurance Scheme as reported in the Hindustan Times of 5th August, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of persons insured and beneficiaries likely to be covered under the scheme as well as additional expenditure involving during the current financial year;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance financial assistance to State Governments and are also aware that a great deal of discrepancy has been noticed between the lists of insured persons maintained by the States and the ESI Corporation; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to solve/tackle this problem and reconcile the discrepancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Except in Delhi and NOIDA (UP), the responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme is vested in the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. In order to enable the State Governments to improve the quality of medical care, the ESI Corporaiton has decided to enhance the ceiling on the expenditure on medical care from Rs. 345/- per I.P. per annum to Rs. 410/- per I.P. per annum w.e.f. 1.4.1994. This would involve an additional expenditure of Rs. 42.34 crores per year. The Scheme covers 2.89 crore beneficiaries including 74.44 lakhs insured persons. There are discrepancies in the figures of I.Ps maintained by the ESIC and certain State Governments. Necessary action to get the discrepancies reconciled has been initiated.

Residential Flats Sanctioned by the ESIC

3589. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) when the 253 residential flats sanctioned by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in June, 1982 were actually built and when these were purchased by ESIC and what was the atual cost of each flat and the total expenditure incurred on them;

(b) what is the date of allotment of each of these flats to the officers/staff of the ESIC;

(c) whether it is a fact that 118 of these flats could not be allotted till February, 1994;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for non-allotment of these flats for such a long time;

(e) who has been held responsible for this lapse and what action has been taken against the persons found responsible therefor;

(f) how are these flats now being utilised and since when; and

(g) what are the details of such flats purchased by ESIC in each State and total expenditure incurred on them and how these are at present being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The ESIC had purchased 253 flats from Bangalore Development Authority under Self-financing Scheme at the cost of Rs. 2.82 crore and the amounts were paid in instalments on demand. The cost of each LIG, MIG & HIG flat was Rs. 1.00 lakh, Rs. 2.02 lakhs and Rs. 4.75 lakhs, respectively.